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Docket No. 50-352

Philadelphia Electric Company
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 50-352/85-08

This refers to the special safety inspection by Mr. J. T. Wiggins on January 17 - 21, 1985 at Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1, Limerick, Pennsylvania. The inspection consisted of a review of causes for an event in which both the inboard and outboard containment isolation valves for the reactor water cleanup (RWCU) system were rendered inoperable for seven minutes while the plant was operating in the Startup mode. The findings of this inspection were discussed at a meeting on January 21, 1985 with Mr. G. M. Leitch and other members of your staff.

As a result of this inspection, we determined that the requirements of the Technical Specification associated with containment isolation valves were not met during the seven minutes the RWCU system valves were inoperable. Further, we determined that these requirements were not met as a result of an error made by a licensed operator. This error was not detected and promptly corrected by the senior-licensed supervisors onshift.

We are concerned about the apparent weakness in the controls exercised by these supervisors over licensed operator activities and, accordingly, to emphasize this concern, one apparent violation of NRC requirements is cited in Appendix A.

The violation has been categorized under the NRC Enforcement Policy, 10 CFR 2 Appendix C (49 FR 8583), March 8, 1984. A reply is required and should be prepared in accordance with Appendix A. Your reply is exempt from the Office of Management and Budget's clearance procedures under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Richard W. Starostecki, Director
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